

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 13 of the substitute specification filed on July 24, 2003, as follows:

~~Fig. 2 shows~~ Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B show a comparison of the amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence of the *sucA* gene derived from *Enterobacter agglomerans* and that derived from *Escherichia coli*. Upper sequence: *Enterobacter agglomerans* (SEQ ID NO: 3), lower sequence: *Escherichia coli* (SEQ ID NO: 8) (the same shall apply hereafter).

Please delete the original Sequence Listing appearing on pages 43-53 of the clean-copy of the substitute specification filed on July 24, 2003. Page 57 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the substitute Sequence Listing filed on March 26, 2001.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The substitute specification filed on July 24, 2003, has also been amended to insert a description of Figures 2A and 2B. In addition, the substitute specification filed on July 24, 2003, has been amended to cancel the original Sequence Listing in favor of the substitute Sequence Listing filed on March 26, 2001.

No new has been added to this application by the present amendments.